

## Angie Lake

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**From:** Frank Finch <ffinch@wowway.com>  
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Honorable John J. Walsh  
Committee Chair

I am writing to express my concerns and to share my support for the effort to remove the requirement for law abiding Michigan citizens to secure a permit-to-purchase for handguns in our State. As a Veteran of the U.S. Navy, a law abiding citizen and a Federal Law Enforcement Officer, I believe that with the National Instant Criminal Background Check System (NICS) in place since 1998, requiring a citizen to jump through hoops and take a quiz to exercise their rights under Article 1, Section 6 of our State Constitution as well as the Second Amendment is redundant and costly.

In the capacity of my occupation, I have worked around convicted felons on a daily basis for 19 years now. I can tell you first hand that felons by nature, refuse to follow our laws while, law abiding citizens are almost always inconvenienced and experience unnecessary curtailment of their God Given right to self-defense by such bureaucratic red tape to secure a firearm legally.

From personal experience, I find it utterly ridiculous that a person with my firearms use and handling background is required to take a quiz, pay a fee and face the scrutiny of an office clerk just so that I can purchase a handgun legally. In my years of employment with the Federal Government, I have passed every security background investigation and even held a Secret clearance with the Navy. I have never been charged with a crime in my entire adult life and yet, I am forced to jump through hoops and have records of my owned firearms kept in an unlawful database by the State Police.

In closing, I strongly urge you to support the passage of H.B. 5225 into law as soon as possible.

Thank you for hearing me.

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